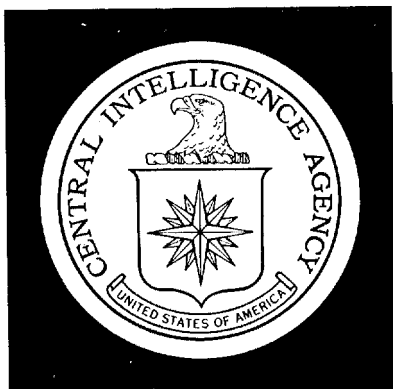


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The Greek Government, alarmed by the gains registered in the parliamentary election of 5 July by the Cypriot Communist party AKEL, has called upon President Makarios to press for a successful conclusion to the intercommunal talks with the Turkish Cypriots. The talks are now entering their third year.

Athens holds Makarios responsible for the delay in the talks, and Greek Foreign Minister Pipinellis told the US ambassador that he has warned Makarios to stop his dilatory tactics or accept imposition of a solution by Greece.

Pipinellis left unspecified the nature of such a solution, but he did add that the Communist "victory" in the Cypriot elections demonstrated the need for Greece and Turkey to "work together more closely than ever."

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Makarios may make some gesture in an effort to placate the Greek Government, but he is not likely to agree to anything that would limit his freedom of action.

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